

ROXBY CUM RISBY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
8 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.15 PM IN THE METHODIST SCHOOLROOM**

1/20 PRESENT

Parish Councillors: S Smaza (Chairman), P Dodds, M Earp, P Farmery, R Lockwood, M Verran, C Webster

Ward Councillors: Julie Reed was attending to represent HMC

Parish Clerk: J Curtis

One member of the public

2/20 RE-DISCOVERING AND REWILDING A ‘LOST LANDSCAPE’: LINCOLNSHIRE’S ANCHOLME VALLEY

Lewis from the South Yorkshire Biodiversity Research Group gave a brief outline of what the charity was hoping to achieve by working with schools and local community groups through discovery days to get involved in various projects such as bat surveys, heritage field walks and in the long-term rewilding parts of the Ancholme Valley. They would also be working with farmers to promote ways of caring for the local environment and wildlife. There was also a lot of interest shown through social media sites. A Project launch event had been arranged on 22 February 2020 in the Brigg Heritage Centre, The Buttercross, Brigg.

3/20 APOLOGIES

I Glover, H Mumby-Croft

4/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest and dispensations were granted in respect of agenda item 15 ii) Precept.

5/20 TO RESOLVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 6 November 2019 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: P Farmery

Seconded: C Webster

6/20 DOGFOULING

There continued to be a reduction of incidences of dogfouling in the villages. Cllr JR offered to supply some “Take the lead” leaflets to push through letterboxes in Roxby and Dragonby.

7/20 VILLAGE IMAGE

- i) Bus shelter – The seat had been fitted inside the bus shelter. The person from the Alps, who had requested the seat, was really pleased with it. Item RESOLVED.
- ii) The Noticeboard for Dragonby was now in situ. PD had received a key and agreed to put any council notices, such as agenda and minutes on the noticeboard.
- iii) The clerk mentioned the Community Grant application for funding towards the cost of the noticeboard. At the last meeting the following policies: safeguarding children; safeguarding vulnerable adults; equal opportunities and health and safety policy had been adopted to be able to apply for the funding. Cllr Reed offered to read through the policies to ensure they best fitted Roxby PC’s needs. The clerk thanked Cllr Reed.

Signed
Chairman

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8/20 LANDFILL SITE

There had been an increased number of smells recently due to work on pin wells and an 80-metre length of welding failing on the plastic covering, due to bad weather. It was advised that Biffa could be phoned direct on their free 0800 number. The site visit in 2020 would most likely be after the June meeting, by which time the work would be completed and the benefits visible. Biffa had been sending regular updates out to the local communities to keep them informed of progress to eliminate the smells.

9/20 PLAYING FIELD

- i) CW had inspected the path and it was clear of leaves and weeds. He asked if any of the councillors could spare a bit of time to meet up once a month on a weekend starting in May to keep a check on the path and keep it clear of weeds and leaves.
- ii) CW had been contacted by Amery to say that contractors would be starting work in the next few weeks on cutting back one or two trees in the park to give a clearance of 1 or 2 metres of the electric cables crossing over the park.

NOTE: They would also be pruning some trees on North Street but had not scheduled any work on the tree outside the chapel on South Street. CW had spoken to Jack Cooper the Balfours agent for Elwes Estate to find out who owned the bit of land outside the chapel where the tree is. He promised to let CW know by next week. CW had been advised by NLC tree preservation department not to do any work on the tree otherwise it would be deemed that the Parish Council had adopted the tree.

10/20 RISK ASSESSMENTS

The bus shelter risk assessment was checked. The playing field risk assessment had not been brought to the meeting for checking. It was suggested asking KB if she wanted to continue looking after the playing area. ME said that he would be happy to check the playground on a regular basis. It was agreed to ask S Hind to make the clock winding risk assessment available for inspection at the March meeting. Following the suggestion to develop a risk assessment for litter picking the clerk tabled an example. PF agreed to take the form away to look at ways of simplifying it. Discussion took place about the amount of litter gathered on random litter picks. Cllr JR suggested having a Sharps bin. CW also asked about insurance. JR said that they should be covered by the NLC's insurance. Andy Tate is the person to talk to about risk. CW said the laybys on Sawcliffe Hill were appalling. HMC had said she would report the litter.

11/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) PA/2019/895: Old Farm, North Street, Roxby: Permission to convert former agricultural barns to form two dwellings including partial demolition and associated works. **Decision: Not yet determined**
- ii) PA/2019/1612: The Barn, Old Hall Lane, Roxby, DN15 0BB. Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development **Decision on 2 December 2019: Change of use from agricultural building to dwelling - prior approval granted**
- i) PA/2019/1012: 19 Birch Rise, South Street to erect a 2-storey rear extension. **Decision: Not yet determined.**

12/20 ROADS

- i) JR reported back on behalf of HMC. The Highway Officer had monitored the North Street puddle and had reported back that it drained away within 30 mins He could look into plain patching it but it was expensive. JR would continue discussions with the Highway Officer.

Signed

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- ii) Following the heavy rains, RL reported several tons of soil had washed off the fields onto Brackenholmes Lane and in some places it was 6 inches deep. CW suggested speaking to Mark Thornborough the Ward Officer to ask for it to be cleared. PF had spoken to Dr Isaacs. He had scooped up 33 barrow loads of silt from near the duckpond on Brackenholmes Lane and put it back on the fields.
- iii) Nothing had been done to clear the gateway to the public footpath down to Risby Warren on Warren Lane, which was blocked by muck and debris washed off the fields. HMC had emailed Balfours and ask them to repair the gate and maintain the public area. RL reported that the estate manager was coming to look at it on Friday 10 January.
- iv) Cringlebeck drainage – section of carriageway adjacent to B1207 near Cringlebeck farm. JR read out the response from the drainage board. The project remained active but was not in this year's programme. It was still in the preliminary stage and the design work had yet to be finalised. The location was being monitored.
- v) Dragonby wind farm. JR had tried to get in touch with someone earlier in the day. She would try again.
- vi) CW mentioned fly tipping on Sawcliffe hill, where was a pull in. It had been reported but it was still there and had been added to. JR would mention it to the ward officer.
- vii) ME asked about getting the speed limit reduced on the A1077 near the Alps. CW informed him that the Parish council had already tried and was unsuccessful – there was no action was taken. He suggested asking for at least some triangular warning signs for people crossing near the bus stop.

13/20 CORRESPONDENCE

None

14/20 REPORTS

- i) **Clerk**
 - Internal audit. She asked if councillors would be in agreement for her to ask Brian Brooks to carry out the internal audit for 2019-2020. All agreed.
 - She had received the quotation from Barton Mowing Services for the 2020 mowing and hedge cutting contract. The prices were the same as 2019. Councillors all agreed to accept the quote.
- ii) **Parish Councillors**
 - PF had been approached with a request for double yellow lines along one side of North Street to prevent problem parking. Unfortunately, the grass verges were being ruined by large farm vehicles passing cars parked on the carriageway. Although they can legally park on the carriageway and there was nothing enforceable, JR suggested leaving a polite note on any vehicle informing them of the problems caused due to their parking. It might help.
 - CW mentioned that an area had been fenced off in a field opposite Brackenholmes as the ground was unstable due to the mine underneath. He had contacted someone at British Steel mining who said that in time it could become a sink hole. He had also asked about the possibility of a trip underground, possibly in September, and asked if councillors would be interested in a trip into Dragonby mines. He would ask if someone from the mines could give a talk at the June meeting.

Signed
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iii) **Ward Councillors**

JR said it was business as usual. She was picking up some of HMC's workload and feeding back to her. She intends to carry on with her ward councillor work. IG was still unwell. SS thanked her for her help.

15/20 FINANCE REPORT

- i) To receive updates regarding finance and agree payments - the finance report was tabled and accepted.

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**Community Account**

Balance as at 31 December 2019: 5621.66

Business Money Manager

Balance as at 31 December 2019: £4034.60

Total balances as at 31 December 2019 £9656.26

PAYMENTS

The following cheques were presented at this month's meeting for payment.

Cheque No.	£	
101289 Mrs J Curtis	247.66	Clerk's Net Salary November/December 2019
101289 Mrs J Curtis	20.00	Expenses November/December – telephone
101290 HMRC	31.00	Employee tax November 2019
101291 HMRC	31.00	Employee tax December 2019
101292 Barton Mowing Services	84.00	1 grass cut November 2019
101293 Kyanite consulting Limited	138.68	Annual maintenance & hosting package
101294 Barton Mowing Services	780.00	Annual cutting of hedge

Proposed: P Farmery

Seconded: C Webster

- ii) The precept was set at £6000 for 2020/2021 based on actual spend in 2019/2020 and the clerk had applied for the grant of £208.

16/20 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- i) Dog fouling
- ii) Village image
- iii) Land and tree outside the Methodist Chapel
- iv) Landfill site
- v) Playing field
- vi) Planning applications
- vii) Roads
- viii) Finance report

MEETING CLOSED 8.40 pm

Date of the next parish council meeting Wednesday 11 March 2020 at 6.45 pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.15 pm

Signed
Chairman

Date